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By Doug Cooper, Extension Communications and External Relations

[Crop and weather report](#) guests are Iowa State University Extension climatologist Elwynn Taylor and corn agronomist Roger Elmore. On the first Monday of 2010 with frigid cold covering the state, guests discuss the current cold wave and 2009 national corn yield contest.

Taylor discusses current Arctic polar outbreak and how the Arctic front has cycled around and belongs around Des Moines this year. He reports our weather is on the cold side of usual by 15 to 20 degrees for the most part, compared to normal.

Elmore and Cooper talk corn yields and how our unusual weather impacted yields. Elmore says a Keokuk producer had the top yield in the non-irrigated class of the national competition with a 298 bushel yield; this was also the best recorded yield in Iowa.

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